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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent application of :  
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned : Group Art Unit: 2753

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For: A System and a Method of Operation:  
Thereof for Analyzing the :  
Performance of a Tape Recorder :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing under 37CFR1.53(b) of a  
Continuation Application of parent application Serial No. 09/100,701 filed June 19, 1998.

The specification that accompanies the above-identified continuation application  
has been updated to incorporate the subject matter of the amendment filed in the response  
to the First Office Action of March 3, 2000 of parent Serial No. 09/100,701. That  
amendment was entered and therefore this continuation application filed herewith does  
not add new matter.